



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



Colonel Transue is the vice commander of the 58th Special Operations Wing at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M. The wing trains mission-ready special operations, rescue, missile site support and UH-1 distinguished visitor aircrews for the world's best aerospace force. He assists the commander in directing the activities of 1900 personnel administering over 90 training systems courses in 18 different crew positions.

Colonel Transue was commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Lehigh University, Pennsylvania. He entered the Air Force in November 1981 and earned his wings in November 1982 at Williams Air Force Base. A career C-130 pilot, he has served as an aircraft commander, and as instructor and evaluator pilot. In 1989 Colonel Transue flew the initial strike on Rio Hato AB, Republic of Panama, during Operation JUST CAUSE. For his actions in combat, his crew was awarded the coveted Lieutenant General William H. Tunner

award for Military Airlift Command's "Most Outstanding Aircrew of the Year". He has commanded the 16th Special Operations Squadron "Spectre Gunships" and the 353d Special Operations Group (AFSOC). His staff duty tours include duties as Chief, Air Branch and as Executive Officer for the J3 Directorate at HQ USSOCOM, and as the Director, Plans and Policy, Special Operations Command Europe.

EDUCATION:

1981 Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Kutztown State University, PA
1988 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
1994 distinguished graduate, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
1994 Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA
1996 Master's degree in Aeronautical Science and Technology, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
2000 Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
2000 Master's degree in Strategic Studies, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. January 1982 – November 1982, student, undergraduate pilot training, Williams Air Force Base, AZ

2. January 1983 – April 1983, C-130 initial qualification training, Little Rock Air Force Base, AR
3. May 1983 – November 1985, C-130E/H aircraft commander, 21st Tactical Airlift Squadron, Clark Air Base, Republic of the Philippines
4. December 1985 – May 1989, AC-130H aircraft commander, then flight examiner, 16th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, FL
5. June 1989 – October 1990, Chief, Standardization and Evaluation, AC-130H Branch, 1st Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field, FL
6. November 1990 – July 1993, Chief, New Capabilities and Tactics, Detachment 6, Pope Air Force Base NC
7. August 1993 – June 1994, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
8. July 1994 – April 1996, Chief, Air Branch, Operations Division, Headquarters, United States Special Operations Command, MacDill Air Force Base, FL
9. May 1996 – April 1997, Executive Officer, J3 Directorate, Headquarters, United States Special Operations Command, MacDill Air Force Base, FL
10. May 1997 – July 1998, Operations Officer, 16th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, FL
11. August 1998 – July 1999, Commander, 16th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, FL
12. August 1999 – June 2000, student, Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
13. July 2000 – July 2001, Director, Plans and Policy, Headquarters, Special Operations Command Europe, Patch Barracks, Stuttgart-Vaihingen, Germany
14. August 2001 – July 2002, Deputy Commander, 353d Special Operations Group, Kadena Air Base, Japan
15. July 2002 – June 2004, Commander, 353d Special Operations Group, Kadena Air Base, Japan
16. June 2004 – Present, Vice Commander, 58 Special Operations Wing, Kirtland Air Force Base, NM

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: More than 3,800

Aircraft flown: AC-130H, MC-130H, MC-130P, C-130E/H, C-212, T-37, T-38, and T-41

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit

Distinguished Flying Cross

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal
Combat Readiness Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Southwest Asia Service Medal with service star
Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kingdom of Kuwait)

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

1990 Lieutenant General William H. Tunner Crew Award, "The Best Overall Aircrew in MAC"

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant August 18, 1981
First Lieutenant August 18, 1983
Captain August 18, 1985
Major January 1, 1994
Lieutenant Colonel January 1, 1998
Colonel July 1, 2002